

From: Brian Cebull
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/25/02 7:23pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

January 25, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
The Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I strongly support the settlement terms that the Department of Justice and nine states reached with Microsoft in November 2001, and I urge you to adopt the terms of the agreement as soon as possible.

The settlement contains tough yet reasonable provisions that will make it easier for companies to compete with Microsoft. Competing companies will receive more information than ever from Microsoft regarding software codes and books. Microsoft must also design future versions of Windows, starting with Windows XP, to make it easier to install non- Microsoft software.

This settlement will not only benefit competing companies but will benefit the technology industry as a whole by allowing Microsoft to devote its resources to innovative software design, rather than litigation. Again, I strongly support this settlement and feel it will serve in the best interest of the public.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Cebull
Nance Petroleum Corporation
PO Box 7168
Billings, MT 59103
(406)245-6248